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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My citizenship, residence and post office address are as listed below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and [X] sole/[] joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: ***Postage stamps authenticating the sender of a mail piece, and methods for use therewith***

the specification of which

(a) [] is attached hereto.

(b) [X] was filed on December 27, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/683,426 and was amended on _____.

(c) [] was described and claimed in International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and amended on _____.

Acknowledgment of Duty of Disclosure

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the content of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

35 U.S.C. § 120

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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Claim for Priority

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

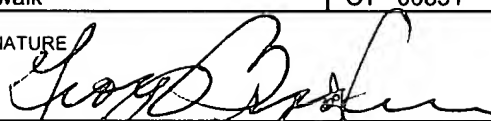
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Provisional Application

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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(application number)	(filing date)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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